

What a Regional Center Service Coordinator Should Consider Before Making a Referral To

Supported Employment Program (SEP)

1. Has the consumer expressed an interest in working in the community?
2. If appropriate, have the consumer's parents, care provider, or other stakeholders in the consumer's life expressed support for the consumer working in the community?
3. Does the consumer have behaviors that would prohibit them from being placed in the community?
4. Does the consumer have access to transportation to and from work, if work in the community is secure?
5. Does the consumer have job seeking and job retention skills?
6. Does the consumer, and when appropriate parents or care providers understand how work in the community may impact the consumer's social security and/or medical benefits?
7. If the consumer has worked in the community before and loss the job, have the issues, concerns, or problems for losing their job been address?
8. Has the support services needs of the consumer been address in the consumer's IPP?
9. If the employer requires a physical exam, does the consumer have a current physical exam report, or does a report need to be secured?
10. Are their supported employment vendors available to address the consumer's expressed work interests, preferences, and needs?

Work Activity Program (WAP)

1. Has the consumer expressed an interest in being placed in a work activity program?
2. Do the consumer's parents, care provider and other stakeholders support placement in a work activity program?
3. Does the consumer have barriers that would preclude community placement?
4. Is transportation available to and from the work activity program?
5. Can the consumer take care of their own personal needs?
6. Does the consumer pose a health and safety concern to themselves or others?